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HE SOON WEARIES.

One Day as Counsel and Accused Enough for Holmes.

RECALLS HIS LAWYERS AT NIGHT.

Find the Task Too Heavy for One Man, but Shows Some More of His Remarkable Nerve and Ability During His Brief Play in Two Characters—Fifth of the Testimony—Sick Attorney Closes the Defense of Durrant.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—It became apparent last night that the picturesque and startling features of H. H. Holmes' career were not to be confined to his destructive wanderings over the American continent, for with each successive day comes something still more strange and unexpected. Monday he dismissed his counsel and began to try his own case, because the court refused to grant the plea made by them for a continuance. They left the court in spite of Judge Arnold's threat to disbar them, and religiously kept away. Last night, after fighting tooth and nail against the tremendous machinery of the commonwealth and the apparently complete chain of evidence which has been forged around him, he threw up his hands and sent for his lawyers, Shoemaker and Rotan. Then he told the court what he had done, and a reluctant consent to their continuing with the defense was given.

Star Witnesses Yet to Come.

The big work of the trial-taking testimony—was begun promptly, and with the exception of brief intermissions at lunch and supper time was continued until nearly 9 o'clock last night. It had been the intention of the court to sit until 10, but the absence of a witness hindered this and an adjournment was taken. The star witnesses of the trial—Mrs. Pitzel, Detective Geyer, Agent Berry, of the avowed insurance company, and the arch-criminal himself—yet remain to be heard, and also nearly two score of others. District Attorney Graham remarked that there was a likelihood of the trial outlasting the Durrant case in point of time, but that if night sessions were held regularly it might be concluded within a month or less. Holmes made a plea last evening asking the court to hold but two sessions a day.

Too Large a Contract.

In plaintive tones he said that his physical condition was such that he felt unable to continue his cross-examination of the witnesses, and besides he was subject to sick headaches. Judge Arnold insisted, however, on holding an extra session last night, at least, and said tomorrow could be attended to when it came. During the supper recess which followed this incident Holmes privately said that the preparation of his case in his cell Monday night had kept him up until 4 o'clock in the morning, and that he was exhausted and bed two hours later. In addition to this he had not eaten anything from Monday night until 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was after making this statement that he sent for his counsel.

Prisoner an Extraordinary Man.

But though Holmes declared to recall his counsel because the ordeal was too heavy for him alone he had borne himself remarkably during the day. With a man of less nerve-force and brain-power than Holmes, acting the composite role of prisoner at the bar and counsel for the defense, the spectacle would have been farcical. But not for an instant did this extraordinary specimen of abnormal genius—the genius to commit crime with wonderful skill and daring—lose control of himself. He thrust or parried from the court or from the keen and scornful officers of the commonwealth. Holmes was equal to the emergency, and the listener, somehow, felt that he did not get altogether the worst of the argument.

PERMITTED TO SEE HIS WIFE.

Has a Three-Minute Interview and Wants More—Incidents of the Day.

The day's proceedings were begun by District Attorney Graham, who arose and said to the court: "I desire to say to the court, in view of what was said last night before the adjournment of court, that the lady known as Miss Yoke and Mrs. Howard was sent for, saw the prisoner, and had ample opportunity for an interview with him." This was the woman concerning whom there was a warm pass-at-arms Monday evening between Graham and Holmes, the latter declaring that the woman was his wife, and that Graham had done all in his power to separate them. When Graham concluded Holmes said that he had only had a three-minute interview with the woman, and asked that it be renewed during the noon recess. His request was granted.

The first witness was Jeannette Pitzel, who was only wanted to identify a portrait of her father. Then Eugene Smith, who found Pitzel's body in the Callowhill street house in 1891, told what he knew. Holmes wanted the corpse cremated. When Dr. W. J. Scott was called Holmes objected to the arrangement by which one witness was allowed in court while another was testifying and renewed a plea he had made earlier to have all but one witness at a time excluded.

Graham objected to this, and Holmes, without a change of expression, but with infinite sarcasm, said: "I would like to know whether you, Mr. Graham, or the honorable court is to make the ruling in this case. I have been anxious to know this since the trial began." Judge Arnold upheld the district attorney, and Holmes asked for and was granted an exception to the ruling. Holmes' allowance as it became due monthly, after March 1, the beginning of the term, but the comptroller now holds that the right is not vested in a member until he is sworn in.

Combine to Control Street Lights.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The Electric Storage Battery company has obtained control of all storage battery patents in the country. W. W. Gibbs is president of the new trust, which has a capitalization of \$18,500,000. The backbone of the concern is the Widener-Elkins-Yerkes combination.

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"Well, she is not in the court room," concluded the prosecutor, "and I decline to say whether or not she will be a witness."

There were two physicians called—Scott and Matson, the coroner's physician—and Holmes showed that he had not forgotten his medical education for his questions were pointed as a general thing, although several times it looked as though they were asked to kill time. Both doctors agreed that Pitzel died of chloroform poisoning, and did not administer the chloroform himself. Dr. Henry Leffman testified similarly. It was at the night session that the climax of the day came, and the prisoner gave up his own case and turned it over to counsel.

This was looked upon as "byplay"—that is what the prosecution calls all Holmes' moves. The taking of testimony was about to be resumed when Holmes arose in the dock, and addressing the court said: "If your honor please, I have a request to make. In consequence of the severe physical strain to which I have been subjected, and also because of the criticism leveled against my former counsel, Messrs. Shoemaker and Rotan, I have within the past half hour sent for them and asked them to again assume charge of my defense. I should like to ask if the court will permit this?"

"Let them come in," said the judge. A moment later the two counsel looked pale and worried, entered the court room and Rotan, going up to the bar, was about to enter into a lengthy explanation when Judge Arnold curtly interrupted with: "No apology is necessary. Go on with the case." William Moebius, bartender in a saloon near the Callowhill street house, testified to Pitzel's drinking habits. A good deal of other testimony was given showing the presence in Philadelphia and their intimacy of Holmes and Pitzel, the former under a false name, but much of the interest of the case has gone with Holmes' return to the prisoner's box.

DUPREY TOO WEAK TO STAND.

Close of the Defense in the Case of Theodore Durrant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—The close of the arguments for the defense in the trial of Theodore Durrant was marked by the greatest crowd that ever fought for admission to a murder trial in this city. Judge, jurors, court officers and attorneys struggled for nearly an hour in a surging throng of men and women who crowded through the corridors leading to the court room. The sheriff and his deputies were not able to control the mob, and a requisition was made on the chief of police for a squad of twenty men.

Dickinson for the defense closed his speech at noon, and when Attorney Duprey appeared at the afternoon session to make the closing argument for the defense he was accompanied by his wife, a nurse, and his physician. He looked weak from the effects of his recent illness, and by permission of the court addressed the jury while seated. Duprey's impaired physical condition was apparent in his argument, which was a disappointment, but he made one remarkable statement—that the defense had proved more than he had promised.

RAILWAY WRECK AT ST. LOUIS.

Somebody Throws a Switch and the Result Will Be Four Dead Men.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 30.—Two suburban trains on the Missouri Pacific road, one loaded down with suburbanites returning home from the theaters of this city, and the other coming into town, collided within the city limits about midnight. A bad wreck resulted, both engineers being killed and both firemen—True and Dunbar—being fatally hurt.

The collision took place at the Kings Highway and Manchester road. The two trains dashed into each other around a sharp curve and without warning the engines were dented by the fearful force of the collision. Somebody threw the switch at Grand avenue, throwing the east-bound train onto the west-bound track without notifying either of the conductors.

The engineers' names were John Harper and Ed. Catrin. Conductor Feldt and two passengers were more or less injured.

Ambassador Fava Sues a Libeler.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The trial of Cesar Celso Moreno, charged with criminal libel against Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, was held in the District court. Baron Fava was accused of being concerned in the importation of padrones. The publisher of the paper in which the article appeared testified that Moreno was the author of it. Correspondence between Fava and the government officers arguing the suppression of the padrone system was put in evidence and other testimony introduced to show that the ambassador had endeavored to kill the padrone system. The verdict was given for Fava.

Only a "War Scare" After All.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Russian embassy announces that it has received an official telegram from St. Petersburg completely denying the stories from Hong Kong to The Times and Globe about the alleged secret treaty between China and Russia, by which the latter is said to have been granted extraordinary concessions. The Russian officials here said that the story of Prince Wong Chi Chuan to St. Petersburg, about which so much has been said recently, was solely undertaken with the object of congratulating the czar upon his accession to the throne.

Of Interest to Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Comptroller of the Treasury Bowler had decided that congressmen-elect are not entitled to government stationery until they have taken the oath of office. Heretofore members-elect have been allowed to draw on their stations' allowance as it became due monthly, after March 1, the beginning of the term, but the comptroller now holds that the right is not vested in a member until he is sworn in.

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SAVAGE REVENGE.

Upon a Negro Miscreant in Gov. Culberson's State.

LAURELS OF PARIS IN DANGER.

Tyler Comes Near Rivaling the Texas Town That Distinguished Itself in the World's Fair Year—Negro Slowly Roasted to Death in a Public Square Before 7,000 People, Men, Women and Children—Unspeakable Crime of Two Indians.

GALVESTON, Oct. 30.—A special to The News from Kilgore, Tex., says: At a point about four miles from Tyler was enacted one of those horrible tragedies the very recital of which causes the hearer to shudder. A Mrs. Bell, who had been visiting her mother a short distance from home, was on her return and was met by a negro named Henry Hillard. What occurred can only be told by the negro himself and the evidence given by the body of the lady. The ground showed that she had struggled for her honor and the condition of the body told of a cruelty that has only been equalled by "Jack the Ripper." After outraging the woman the negro deliberately cut her throat and then, taking his knife, ripped up her body.

Gave Him Up Readily to the Mob.

A posse was quickly organized, led by Deputy Smith, of Tyler, who with lanterns in hand and aided by a hound tracked the negro to within four miles of this place, where they found him fast asleep in a cotton pen. The negro's clothing was covered with blood, which he had attempted to wash out. Soon after the officers had him handcuffed a mob of some 300 men, heavily armed, arrived on the scene and demanded the immediate surrender of the prisoner, which was readily given. The mob then left for the scene of the murder, where it duly arrived. The crowd continued to gather at the scene until nearly 2,000 citizens of Tyler and vicinity were there. A few moments before the fend was brought to the place a meeting was held and a committee was appointed to investigate his identity. The result was a thorough identification.

Negro Makes a Full Confession.

The negro made a full confession, in substance as follows: "I was coming down the road and saw Mrs. Bell in the road. She was scared of me and I knew that if I passed her she would say I tried to rape her, and I concluded that I would rape her and then kill her. I cut her throat and cut her in another place and left." He wrote a note to his wife and gave it to the sheriff. It read as follows: "I am arrested by 'Wig' Smith. You know what they will do with me. If I don't see you any more good-bye." After his confession and thorough identification a vote was taken as to the mode of punishment.

Agreed to Have a Great Show.

It was unanimously agreed to burn him, and it was agreed that he should suffer the penalty on the public square. At Tyler no less than 7,000 people were assembled. Large crowds of ladies and children were congregated on the awnings surrounding the public square. Wagons, carriages, trees and buildings were converted into grand stands and were thronged. A scaffold was erected in the center of the square. Wagons laden with kindling wood, coal oil and straw were driven to the scene and placed in position. The negro was then given an opportunity to speak. His words were inaudible, but when he offered up his last prayer his words could be heard for several blocks.

Burned Him Slowly to Death.

He was then lashed to the iron rail that extended through the platform. Bell, the husband of his victim, applied the match and the flame shot upward, enveloping the brute in sheets of fire. He begged for mercy and it was meted out to him just as he was merciful to the woman whose soul he had sent to eternity. As fast as the wood thrown around him was consumed it was quickly replenished. From the time the match was applied until he was incinerated was exactly fifty minutes.

Natives All Took a Holiday.

The I. and G. N. south-bound train was crowded with people from the towns north. Hundreds of negroes witnessed the execution and representative negroes expressed their indorsement of the punishment. The officers were powerless and the sheriff wired the governor, but his message was too late. As business houses and factories closed and the big Cotton Belt shops were deserted.

DEVILTRY OF TWO INDIANS.

Most Infernal Crime Against a Girl of 13 Years in Washington.

SPOKANE, Oct. 30.—Chief Deputy United States Marshal Vinson has returned here from the Okanagon reservation bringing the news of a most horrible crime perpetrated by two Indians named Chukwasie and Peickelpety. They stole a little 12-year-old girl, Mary, daughter of James Pott, and taking her out in the mountains secretly assaulted her, then tied her, Maizepa-like, upon a cayuse; and turned her adrift on the wild country to the north. For nearly two days the cayuse wandered aimlessly about the wilderness, with the senseless victim firmly strapped upon its back.

Thus she was found by a party of searchers out looking for her. The child was restored to consciousness with great difficulty, when she related the story of her terrible sufferings. The country is being scoured for the Indians, and if caught a terrible revenge is in store for them.

Trying to Beat Utah Statehood.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 30.—The Tribune prints a column article to the effect that circulars are being sent from Ogden to all voters in the territory for the purpose of defeating statehood. The circular is headed "The Danger of Statehood." It deals largely in statistics, showing the cost of running the state government, and closes by saying that statehood will add \$30,000 to the burden of the people.

Altgeld Commutes a Sentence.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 30.—Governor Altgeld has commuted to ten years the sentence of Frederick C. Hehring, sentenced in 1889 from Belleville to twenty-five years in Chester penitentiary for the murder of Peter J. L...

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AT THE BAYONET POINT.

Gov. Clark is Bound to Stop the Fight—Militia Called Out.

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 30.—Governor Clark has called out the first regiment of militia to stop the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, which preparations are making to pull off here tomorrow, despite the governor's determination that it shall not occur.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

The alleged nitro-glycerine bomb found at Madison, Wis., was only a section of railway signal fuse.

Arthur Moore was convicted by a jury at Chicago and his punishment fixed at twenty-five years in the penitentiary for the murder of Frank B. Horton.

Dr. J. B. Carpenter, a brother-in-law of ex-Governor Flower, committed suicide at Gouverneur, N. Y. Despondency due to ill health was the cause.

Obituary: At Fairbury, Ill., Thomas A. McKenzie, 54. At Stillman Valley, Ill., Miss Adelaide P. Patrick, 53. At Kenosha, Wis., H. M. Rogers, 64. At Denver, Father Michael F. Sullivan, 30.

Sixty-two-year-old James Walker, who lives on a farm near Scottville, Ill., was garroted by two men and robbed near the "L" road in Twelfth street, Chicago.

Physicians who have constantly attended the case of Mrs. Annie Walker, who has been unconscious at Chicago for three weeks, have come to the conclusion that she is insane.

Chicago is in such a tight place for ready money that the only way she can make both ends meet is to go into wholesale discharge of employees, so it is said.

The lowest temperature for the United States reported Tuesday morning was 4 degrees below zero, at Williston, N. D.

Ex-City Treasurer Boggs, who held office from 1890 to 1894, at Tacoma, is an embezzler to the extent of \$100,000, and the sheriff is on the road to Jacksonville, Or., to arrest him.

Alfred Austin, according to a London dispatch, has been chosen poet laureate of Great Britain.

George H. Smith, murderer of an old man, and Charles N. Davis, violator and murderer of a 6-year-old girl, were sent to eternity by lightning in the New York state prison at Dannemora.

James J. Van Allen, the co-respondent in the Cott divorce case, has been put under the enormous bond of \$30,000.

It is reported at Kingston, Jamaica, that Carlos Céspedes, son of the first president of the Cuban republic of twenty years ago, has landed in Cuba with 100 men and a large quantity of war munitions from the United States.

Illinois Miners Decide to Strike.

SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 30.—At a mass meeting of 400 miners held here, addressed by President O'Connor and Secretary Guyman, of the state Miner's union, the miners at Trutter & Gray's, Starnes' No. 1, and Sangamon No. 2, who have been working for 35 cents per ton, decided to strike. Miners at Riverton shaft No. 1 struck because Archie Neal was discharged without cause, as they allege.

Killed by a Chicago Cable Car.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—G. W. Cole, president of the Bankers' and Merchants' association, was run over and fatally injured last night by a North Clark street cable car. He was taken to a hospital, where he died in a short time.

Illinois Odd Fellow Appointment.

SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 30.—Grand Master Henry Phillips, of the Illinois Odd Fellows, has appointed the Rev. Hiram Luther Bowen, of Hamilton, grand chaplain, vice Rev. Martin Luther Bowen, deceased, of Liberty.

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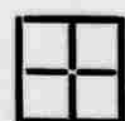
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